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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper replies to the Office Action mailed October 21, 1999. A Request for Three Month Extension and fee are submitted herewith. As so extended the period for response runs through April 21, 2000, and this Response is timely. No further fees are due herewith.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims

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